

CITY OF FARRAGUT, IOWA
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

CITY OF FARRAGUT, IOWA
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CITY OF FARRAGUT, IOWA
OFFICIALS
June 30, 2016

(Before January, 2016)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Thomas R. Shull	Mayor	January, 2016
Harold Dinsmore	Council Member	January, 2016
Jasclyn Price	Council Member	January, 2016
Danny Whitehill	Council Member	January, 2018
Dave Laumann	Council Member	January, 2018
Jeremy McAllister	Council Member	January, 2018
Becki Sickman	City Clerk/Treasurer	Indefinite
Mahlon Sorensen	City Attorney	Indefinite

(After January, 2016)

Thomas R. Shull	Mayor	January, 2018
Robert Addy	Council Member	January, 2020
Jane Wilson	Council Member	January, 2020
Danny Whitehill	Council Member	January, 2018
Dave Laumann	Council Member	January, 2018
Jeremy McAllister	Council Member	January, 2018
(Resigned December, 2016)		
Becki Sickman	City Clerk/Treasurer	Indefinite
Mahlon Sorensen	City Attorney	Indefinite

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Mayor
and Members of City Council

We have performed the procedures enumerated below which were established pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa enacted by the Iowa Legislature to provide oversight of certain Iowa cities. Accordingly, we have applied certain tests and procedures to selected accounting records and related information of the City of Farragut for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The City of Farragut's management, which agreed to the performance of the procedures performed, is responsible for the City's records.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards for attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures we performed are summarized as follows:

1. We reviewed selected City Council meeting minutes for compliance with Chapters 21, 372.13(6) and 380 of the Code of Iowa.
2. We reviewed the City's internal controls to determine if proper control procedures are in place and incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee.
3. We reviewed surety bond coverage for compliance with Chapter 64 of the Code of Iowa.
4. We obtained and reviewed the City Clerk's financial reports and selected bank reconciliations to determine whether the bank balances properly reconciled to the general ledger account balances and monthly financial reports provided to the City Council.
5. We reviewed City funds for consistency with the City Finance Committee's recommended Uniform Chart of Accounts (COA) and to determine required funds and fund balances are properly maintained and accurately accounted for.
6. We reviewed the City's fiscal year 2015 Annual Financial Report to determine whether it was completed and accurately reflects the City's financial information.

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7. We reviewed compliance with Chapters 12C.2, 12B.10B and 556.1(12) of the Code of Iowa pertaining to required depository resolutions, investment policy and reporting of unclaimed property to the State of Iowa.
8. We reviewed debt, including general obligation and revenue bonds/notes, and related transactions for proper authorization and compliance with Chapters 75, 384 and 403.9 of the Code of Iowa and to determine whether the debt and related proceeds and repayments were properly accounted for.
9. We reviewed and tested selected receipts for accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA.
10. We reviewed and tested selected disbursements for proper approval, adequate supporting documentation, accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA and compliance with the public purpose criteria established by Article III, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.
11. We reviewed transfers between funds for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
12. We reviewed and tested selected payroll and related transactions for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
13. We reviewed the annual certified budget for proper authorization, certification and timely amendment.

Based on the performance of the procedures described above, we identified various recommendations for the City. Our recommendations are described in the Detailed Recommendations section of this report. Unless reported in the Detailed Recommendations, items of non-compliance were not noted during the performance of the specific procedures listed above.

These agreed-upon procedures do not constitute an audit of financial statements or any part thereof, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements or a part thereof. Had we performed additional procedures, or had we performed an audit of the City of Farragut, additional matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Farragut and other parties to whom the City of Farragut may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Gunnwald, Ben, Kyhn + W. P. C.

Atlantic, Iowa
December 22, 2016

DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS

CITY OF FARRAGUT, IOWA

Detailed Recommendations

For the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

- (A) Segregation of Duties - One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. Generally, one individual has control over each of the following areas for the City:

- (1) Cash - handling, reconciling and recording.
- (2) Receipts - opening mail, collecting, depositing, journalizing, reconciling and posting.
- (3) Disbursements - purchasing, invoice processing, check writing, mailing, reconciling and recording.
- (4) Payroll - recordkeeping, preparing and distributing.
- (5) Utilities - billing, collecting, depositing and posting.
- (6) Financial reporting - preparing and reconciling.
- (7) Journal entries - preparing and journalizing.

Recommendation - We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff, including elected officials. Independent reviews of reconciliations should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

- (B) Bank Reconciliations - The bank reconciliations were prepared by the City Clerk, however the approval and review of the reconciliations were not documented.

Recommendation - An independent person on the City Council should document the review of the bank reconciliations by signing or initialing and dating the monthly reconciliations.

- (C) Chart of Accounts - The City has not fully implemented the recommended Uniform Chart of Accounts (COA) for Iowa City Governments approved by the City Finance Committee on September 25, 2002.

Recommendation - To provide better financial information and control, the recommended COA, or its equivalent, should be followed.

- (D) Deposits and Investments - The City has not adopted a written investment policy as required by Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. The City has adopted a depository resolution, however it does not have the maximum deposit that is allowed to be carried at the approved bank.

Recommendation - The City should adopt a written investment policy which complies with the provisions of Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. The City should also add to their depositories resolution the maximum deposit that is allowed to be carried at the approved bank.

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Detailed Recommendations

For the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

- (E) Certified Budget - Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2016 exceeded the amounts budgeted in the debt service function. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, "Public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation."

Recommendation - The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

- (F) Approval of Salaries and Wages - The City has not documented in the minutes the approved salaries and wages for all City employees.

Recommendation - The City should document annually in the minutes the approved salaries and wages for all City employees. In addition, any adjustments to the approved salaries and wages during the year should be documented in dollar amounts and not just a percentage change.

- (G) City Council Meeting Minutes - The City Council minutes do not include the total disbursements nor the total receipts for each fund. Also, a list of claims and reason for the claim is not included in the minutes.

Recommendation - The City should add to their council minutes the total disbursements and receipts for each fund for the month. The City should also include a list of claims for the month, as well as the reason for the claim.

- (H) Approval and Cancellation of Invoices - The City does not document the approval of invoices to be paid or mark them as "Paid."

Recommendation - The City should document the approval of invoices to be paid by initialing and dating the invoice, and mark each invoice as "Paid" to prevent duplicate payment.

- (I) Approval of Time Sheets - The City's employees prepare time sheets to document hours worked for payroll; however, the time sheets are not reviewed and approved prior to the payroll being paid.

Recommendation - The City should document the approval of the timecards by initialing and dating the time cards.

- (J) Utility Replacement Tax Receipts - The City's utility replacement tax receipts are not recorded by fund, resulting in the incorrect recording of revenues.

Recommendation - The City should record the utility replacement tax receipts in the appropriate funds.

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Detailed Recommendations - Continued

For the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

- (K) Financial Condition - The City's Debt Service Fund has a deficit ending fund balance.

Recommendation - The City should investigate alternatives to eliminate this deficit in order to return this fund to a sound financial position.

- (L) Business Transactions - Business transactions between the City and City officials or employees which may represent conflicts of interest are detailed as follows:

<u>Name, Title and Business Connection</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jeremy McAllister, Council, Member, Parents own Professional Wastewater Services	Sewer Maintenance	\$ 270
Becki Sickman, City Clerk, Husband is owner of Farragut Oil, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	6,369
Thomas Shull, Mayor Owner of Shull Hardware	Supplies	2,630

In accordance with Chapter 362.5(k) of the Code of Iowa, the above transactions with the Council Member do not appear to represent a conflict of interest since total transactions with the individual were less than \$2,500 during the fiscal year. The transactions with the Mayor and with the husband of the City Clerk may represent a conflict of interest since total transactions were more than \$2,500 during the fiscal year and the transactions were not competitively bid.

Recommendation - The City should consult legal counsel to determine the disposition of this matter.

- (M) Annual Financial Report - The City's Annual Financial Report does not agree with the City's financial records by an amount of \$3,557. This difference is due to a \$3,500 revenue that was mistakenly not included.

Recommendation - The City should amend their Annual Financial Report so that it agrees with the City's records.

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